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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2002-14990, dated January 18, 2002.

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
  
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The reference was cited in an Official Action dated April 4, 2008, received from the Chinese Patent Office. A copy of the Chinese Official Action together with a translation of the Official Action into Japanese and English is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the Official Action in which the reference is cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference is cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the Official Action submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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